



**EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
ABIDJAN BUREAU**

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THRU : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Abidjan Bureau--June 1986

1. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The major event of June in our region came at the end of the month when Nigeria hosted the ninth summit conference of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) with twelve heads of state in attendance. The proceedings of the summit and the Council of Ministers meeting preceding it elicited much interest from U.S. missions in the region and from the Government of Ivory Coast. The financially troubled Lagos-based organization is seeking to streamline trade -- two-thirds of which is smuggled -- among its 16 members and to boost the sagging economies of ECOWAS states, many of whom are described as operating "marginally above subsistence" level.

2. Earlier during the month, the bureau stayed open late to expedite processing of a major nationwide address by Nigerian President Ibrahim Babangida announcing sweeping reforms to improve the country's faltering economy which has been hard hit by the decline in oil prices, extensive blackmarketing, and chronic mismanagement.

3. On 21 June Accra radio reported the execution in Ghana of 16 people, some common criminals, but most accused of "preparations for destabilizing the revolution." Subsequently, the BBC Newsroom complimented the bureau for reporting the executions "well ahead of the competition."

B. Coverage

Cruising for medium wave stations turned up test transmissions by Radio ELRZ, a station of the Liberian Rural Communications Network, broadcasting on 1260 khz. The station, which is heard with good reception in Abidjan, promises to carry regular programming, including news, once testing has been completed.

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C. Communications

Equipment problems at the Embassy's TCU terminal put the bureau's communications circuits out of action for over a week at the beginning of the month. During the outage, priority traffic had to be sent via commercial telex line and tapes of routine materials were hand-carried to the Embassy for transmission via CPU's high frequency radio circuits.

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Bureau Chief [] and family departed PCS to Washington on 15 June. [] arrived on 7 June for a 1-week overlap before assuming duties as bureau chief on 15 June.

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2. Senior Editor [] and family returned from CONUS R&R on 7 June. Associate Editor [] who served 3 weeks TDY during [] absence, returned to London Bureau on 9 June.

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3. Monitors [] Communications Unit Chief [] and Communications Operator [] received PSIs during the month.

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4. Monitor [] was promoted to FBN 10/1 effective 22 June.

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B. Post Activities

1. The Embassy is experiencing a larger-than-normal turnover in personnel this summer, including Ambassador Robert Miller who has announced that he will depart post at the end of August. His successor has not yet been named. An estimated 40 percent of mission officers will leave post by the end of the summer.

2. The twice-postponed site selection survey for a new chancery in Abidjan has been rescheduled for September. State Department expects that funds for actual construction will probably not be available before 1989.

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Chief, Abidjan Bureau

Attachment:

Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Swaziland Bureau
Deputy Chief, London Bureau

Abidjan Bureau Production Report for June 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

| | |
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| TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: | 226690 |
| TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: | 12360 |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: | 726 |

| | BROAD- CASTS | PRESS AGENCIES | PUBLI- CATIONS |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: | 8100.00 | 28410.00 | 109.00 |
| (minutes or issues per week) | min. | min. | issues |

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

BENIN

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|------|--|---|
| Cotonou Domestic Service in French | 1920 | | |
| Parakou Domestic Service in French | 0 | | |
| Cotonou EHUZU in French | | | 0 |

BURKINA

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|--|------|--|---|
| Ouagadougou Domestic Service in French | 7270 | | |
| Ouagadougou CARREFOUR AFRICAIN in French | | | 0 |
| Ouagadougou SIDWAYA in French | | | 0 |

CAMEROON

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|-------------------------------------|------|--|---|
| Yaounde Domestic Service in English | 830 | | |
| Yaounde Domestic Service in French | 3100 | | |
| Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in English | | | 0 |
| Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in French | | | 0 |

CAPE VERDE

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|---------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Praia VOZ DI POVO in Portuguese | | | 0 |
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CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

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| Bangui Domestic Service in French | 0 | | |
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| CHAD | | | |
| Ndjamena Domestic Service in French | 400 | | |
| (Clandestine) Bardai Chadian National Radio in French | 200 | | |
| CONGO | | | |
| Brazzaville Domestic Service in French | 0 | | |
| Brazzaville BULLETIN QUOTIDIEN in French | | | 0 |
| Brazzaville ETUMBA in French | | | 0 |
| EQUATORIAL GUINEA | | | |
| Malabo Domestic Service in Spanish | 0 | | |
| FRANCE | | | |
| Paris AFP in English | | 17540 | |
| Paris AFP in French | | 21400 | |
| Paris Diplomatic information Service in french | | 1690 | |
| Paris Diplomatic Information Service IN English | | 0 | |
| Paris AFRIQUE-ASIE IN French | | | 0 |
| Paris JEUNE AFRIQUE in French | | | 7770 |
| GABON | | | |
| Libreville Africa No. 1 in French | 6840 | | |
| Libreville Domestic Service in French | 400 | | |
| Libreville L'UNION in French | | | 0 |
| GHANA | | | |
| Accra Domestic Service in English | 22140 | | |

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|--|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Accra GHANAIAN TIMES in English | | | 0 |
| Accra PEOPLE'S DAILY GRAPHIC in English | | | 0 |
| Accra WEEKLY MIRROR in English | | | 0 |
| Accra WEEKLY SPECTATOR in English | | | 0 |
| GUINEA | | | |
| Conakry Domestic Service in French | 9030 | | |
| Conakry MOROYA in French | | | 0 |
| GUINEA-BISSAU | | | |
| Bissau NO PINTCHA in Portuguese | | | 120 |
| IVORY COAST | | | |
| Abidjan Domestic Service in French | 4150 | | |
| Abidjan Television Service in French | 0 | | |
| Abidjan INFORMATION in French | | 0 | |
| Abidjan FRATERNITE HEBDO in French | | | 0 |
| Abidjan FRATERNITE MATIN in French | | | 4820 |
| Abidjan IVOIRE DIMANCHE in French | | | 0 |
| LIBERIA | | | |
| Monrovia Domestic Service in English | 0 | | |
| Monrovia Radio ELWA in English | 7060 | | |
| Monrovia NEW LIBERIAN in English | | | 0 |
| MALI | | | |
| Bamako Domestic Service in French | 4950 | | |
| Bamako L'ESSOR in French | | | 0 |

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| MAURITANIA | | | |
| Nouakchott Domestic Service in French | 3950 | | |
| Nouakchott CHAAB in French | | | 0 |
| NIGER | | | |
| Niamey Domestic Service in French | 2990 | | |
| Niamey LE SAHEL in French | | | 0 |
| Niamey SAHEL HEBDO in French | | | 0 |
| NIGERIA | | | |
| Lagos International Service in English | 0 | | |
| Lagos Domestic Service in English | 32490 | | |
| Kaduna Domestic Service in English | 4690 | | |
| Lagos NAN in English | | 22930 | |
| Lagos DAILY TIMES in English | | | 0 |
| Lagos NATIONAL CONCORD in English | | | 0 |
| Lagos THE GUARDIAN in English | | | 0 |
| SENEGAL | | | |
| Dakar Domestic Service in French | 4250 | | |
| DAKAR FANA in English | | 8430 | |
| Dakar FANA in French | | 8100 | |
| Dakar LE SOLEIL in French | | | 0 |
| SIERRA LEONE | | | |
| Freetown Domestic Service in English | 260 | | |
| Freetown DAILY MAIL in English | | | 0 |

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| THE GAMBIA Banjul GAMBIA NEWS BULLETIN in English | | | 0 |
| TOGO Lome Domestic Service in French | 3300 | | |
| Lome LA NOUVELLE MARCHE in French | | | 0 |
| ZAIRE Kinshasa Domestic Service in French | 0 | | |
| Kinshasa AZAP in French | | 13670 | |
| Kinshasa ELIMA in French | | | 0 |